

PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 24, 2002

PUBLIC HEARINGS were held on Monday June 24, 2002, at 6:35 p.m. in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, South Carolina, to solicit public comment, written or oral, on Bills Numbered, **02-18, 02-19, 02-20, 02-21**, and **02-23**, Special Tax District Budget Ordinances for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2002.

Present: Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor-Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. Mark Stokes, County Attorney, and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting of the time, date, place and agenda of this Public Hearing of Berkeley County Council at the entrance of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, published in THE MONITOR, and THE HANAHAN NEWS on May 29, 2002, as evidenced by attached copy of Affidavits of Publication, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers, the news media, and other interested citizens.

Chairman Rozier called the Hearing to order and asked if there were any written comments on any of the items for Public Hearing; and there were none. He stated these Public Hearings were being held to solicit public comment, written or oral on the following Special Tax District Budget Ordinances:

Bill No. 02-18, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003 for the Devon Forest Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Devon Forest Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

Chairman Rozier asked were there any public comments?

Mr. John Ewing of 126 Tin Dance Boulevard, Devon Forest, stated he noticed that their budget stipulated \$1,000 for miscellaneous expenses that goes to insurance. He stated the Special Tax Commission is an advisory and would have no liability. Mr. Ewing asked why do they have an insurance expense?

Chairman Rozier asked was there any representative from the Devon Forest Special Tax District. No one was present from Devon Forest.

Mr. Stokes stated that Devon Forest is not an entity that exists at law other than in an advisory capacity. They have no employees. Any contracts for maintenance, or anything of that

nature should have a hold harmless agreement and verification of insurance coverage should be afforded the County through the contractor.

Chairman Rozier advised Mr. Ewing that they would follow up with the Special Tax Commission to find out the purpose of that expense.

Mr. Ewing stated, under Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping they have apportioned \$9,600. He asked does that include the ponds around the St. Ives portion of Devon Forest? They are currently not maintained but supposedly belong to the Home Owners Association. Chairman Rozier stated he would doubt that the \$90,000 include maintenance of the ponds; that gets awfully expensive. He stated he would also be glad to check on that. Mr. Ewing stated if that is case he would suggest that if the \$1,000 is not needed, put it there.

There being no further comments on Bill No. 02-18, the Chairman declared that hearing ended at 6:39 p.m.

Bill No. 02-19, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Pimlico Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Pimlico Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no public comments on Bill No. 02-19; therefore, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing ended at 6:40 p.m.

Bill No. 02-20, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Sangaree Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Sangaree Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no public comments on Bill No. 02-20. The Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:41 p.m.

Bill No. 02-21, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, Tall Pines Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Tall Pines Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no public comments on Bill No. 02-21. The Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:42.

Bill No. 02-23, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the operational budget of the Berkeley County Special Fire Tax District within the unincorporated portions of Berkeley County; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Special Fire Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no public comments on Bill No. 02-23. The Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:43 p.m.

S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council

July 22, 2002
Date Approved

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings to solicit public comment, written or oral, will be held on Monday June 24, 2002, at 6:30 p. m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard following other public hearings, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., on the following:

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT BUDGETS

4. Bill No. 02-18, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Devon Forest Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Devon Forest Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

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5. Bill No. 02-19, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Pimlico Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Pimlico Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

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6. Bill No. 02-20, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Sangaree Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Sangaree Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

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7. Bill No. 02-21, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the Tall Pines Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Tall Pines Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

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8. Bill No. 02-23, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, for the operational budget of the Berkeley County Special Fire Tax District within the unincorporated portions of Berkeley County; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Special Fire Tax District during the fiscal year.

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ADJOURNMENT

June 19, 2002
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk to County Council